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Hall of Fame History

The Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame was conceived in the interest of recognizing coaches and athletes who have coached and/or played in one or more of Mississippi's public community or junior colleges. Acknowledging the fact that there have been many outstanding athletes who have contributed greatly to the successful sports programs throughout the two-year college system, the Mississippi Association of Community & Junior Colleges (MACJC) began a program of recognition in 2007 whereby individuals may be recognized for their contributions to the tremendous success of community & junior college sports in Mississippi.

The By-Laws for the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame were considered and approved by the MACJC at its annual athletic meeting on January 23, 2007 and were amended by the MACJC on August 26, 2008. These By-Laws established the framework to recognize individual athletes/coaches for their athletic achievements.

Forty-five (45) individuals were inducted as Charter Members in 2007, thirty (30) were inducted in 2008, and fifteen (15) have been inducted each subsequent year. Fifteen new members will be inducted in 2013 as the Seventh Class of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame! Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

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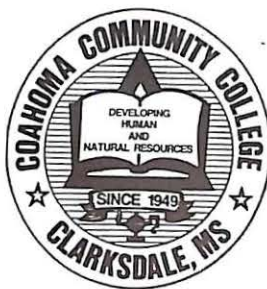
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Registration 6:00 PM & Banquet 6:30 PM

Program

Welcome	Bill Snyder, Master of Ceremonies Public Relations Director, MGCCC
Announcement of SHF Members	Bill Snyder
Pledge	Earl Marshall, Secretary, ECCC SHF Executive Committee
Invocation	Bill Buckner, Past President
Welcome	M.K. Turk, President SHF Executive Committee
Dinner	
Announcement of Officers for 2013-2014	M.K. Turk, President
Comments	Dr. William Lewis, MACJC Chairman President, Pearl River Community College Dr. Eric Clark Executive Director, MCCB
Special Recognitions	Dr. Howell C. Garner Executive Director, MCCF
Awards Presentation	Presidents of Respective Colleges
Remarks	Representative, Class of 2013
Business Session/Election of Officers	M.K. Turk, President
Closing Remarks	Dr. Howell C. Garner
Benediction	Bill Ward, NECC, President-Elect



Oree Banks

Inducted in the National Football Hall of Fame in 1995 as one of the top winning coaches in America, Coach Oree Banks launched his remarkable coaching career at Coahoma Junior College more than 50 years ago and continues to lecture and motivate students toward getting an education and winning without drugs.

Following his NAIA Hall of Fame induction, he was honored with a resolution by the Mississippi Legislature and introduced by state Rep. James Evans of Jackson, an All American player under Coach Banks at South Carolina State University.

Born in Newton, Miss., where he played on the varsity football team, Coach Banks volunteered for the U.S. Army and played football on the first team for two years before lettering at Kansas State University on a football scholarship. He also earned a

bachelor's degree and a master's degree one year later.

At Coahoma from 1960-64, his teams won the Southern Intercollegiate Conference title each year either as champions or co-champions and during his four-year tenure, his teams either tied or won the Mississippi Junior College title (SIC) and compiled a 4-season record of 27-7-1 with only three losses in conference games. In 1963, fellow coaches and conference officials named him the Southern Intercollegiate Conference's Grid Coach of the Year.

A trailblazer, Coach Banks became the first African American to coach full time at the University of South Carolina and the University of Virginia following his tenure as an assistant at Grambling State. Later more than 17 of his black players went on to play in the National Football League (NFL).

Banks became the record-breaking Head Football Coach at South Carolina State University from 1965-72 where he was ranked fourth in the nation in the college division in winning percentages among active coaches. From 1977-83, his success was repeated at West Virginia State University, where he was honored by Governor Gaston Caperton. In 1983, he was named a trustee of the American Football Coaches Association.

He received the Johnny Vaught Lifetime Achievement Award from the All-American Football Foundation and the P.F. Tucker Outstanding Citizen Award for his civic contributions. Currently, Coach Banks is an associate professor at West Virginia State, teaching the sociology of sports and health science. On lecture tours sponsored by the NCAA and supported by Nike, he travels the country presenting "You Can Do Both - Academics and Athletics Without Drugs," to student athletes.

James Melvin "Bucky" Waters

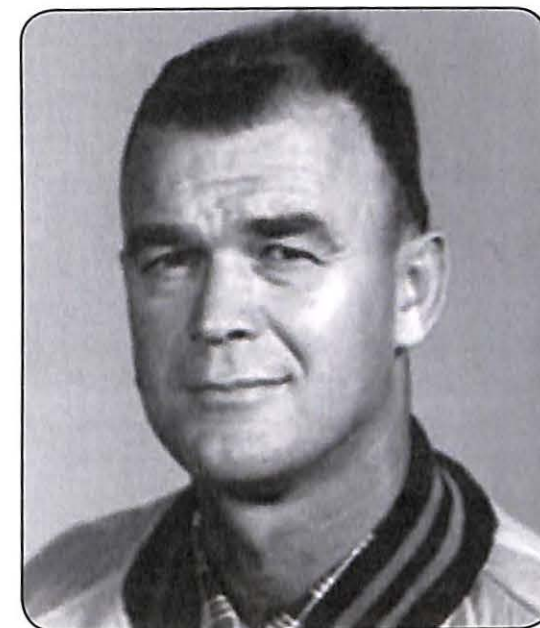
James Melvin "Bucky" Waters, of Benton, was a former football and baseball player and coach at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Waters played tackle for the Wolfpack from 1939-1941, and played baseball during that time.

Following his career at Copiah-Lincoln, Waters served as a two-way tackle at Southern Miss, making his debut during the magical 1941 season. It was the year the Eagles opened the season with a 70-0 win over Georgia State, won their next six games, then after a 0-0 tie with Southwestern Louisiana, won their final two games to complete a 9-0-1 year.

After serving in the military during World War II, Waters returned to play in 1946 and 1947 for Coach Reed Green, where he helped lead the team to a 7-3 record both years. In 1947, he was elected permanent captain of the team. Waters also played infielder for the 1947 Southern Miss baseball team. He was inducted into the Southern Miss Hall of Fame in 1970, and into the Copiah-Lincoln Sports Hall of Fame in 1982.

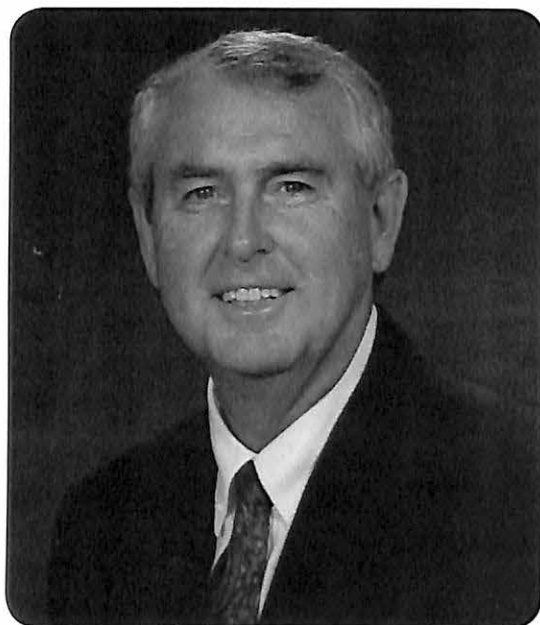
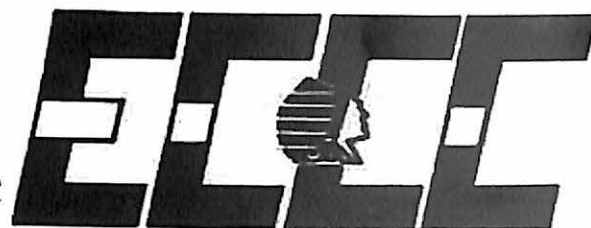
Following his career at Southern Miss, Waters enjoyed a successful career as a coach and school administrator in Mount Olive. He returned to Co-Lin in the early 1950s, serving as a social studies teacher and coach for the high school and as assistant coach for the college from 1951-1955. Waters worked in school administration until 1970, when he was employed by the Mississippi Department of Education.

Waters died in February 2002. He and his wife, Lucy Magee Waters, originally from Brookhaven, were blessed with three sons: Jim and wife Debbie, Wyatt, Joel and his wife Susan, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.



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East Central Community College



Sammy Pace

Sammy Pace is recognized as the one of the most successful coaches at East Central Community College in Decatur, where he led the women's basketball program for 16 years (1985-2001), compiling a 279-157 overall mark and 14 winning seasons, which included a NJCAA Consolation Bracket title, two Region 23 Tournament crowns and several MACJC South State and Division championships.

The 1993-94 Lady Warriors captured the first regional championship under Coach Pace, and found success in the NJCAA National Women's Basketball Tournament by winning the Consolation Bracket. The talent-laden squad finished 22-7 and ranked seventh in the final NJCAA poll. Pace completed his career at EC in 2000-01 with a second Region 23 title. The Lady Warriors advanced to the NJCAA Tournament "Sweet Sixteen" en route to a 22-7 mark.

In addition to the two Region 23 Tournament championships, Pace's squads captured four runner-up titles in the nine tournament appearances. His Lady Warriors can also claim three MACJC South Division titles (1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90) and two MACJC South State Tournament crowns (1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90).

In recognition of his success at East Central, Pace received numerous honors including NJCAA Region 23 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year (1993-94), MACJC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year (1993-94) and NJCAA Women's Basketball Coach of the Year (2000-01). He was also inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

A Scott County native, Pace was a standout basketball player at Lake High School and continued his success on the hardwood at then East Central Junior College, where he received an associate's degree in 1969. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in education and administration and community education, both from Mississippi State University. Pace is also a retired member of the Mississippi Army National Guard.

He is married to the former Virginia Barrett of Forest and they have two grown daughters, Mrs. Lance (Amy) Pittman and Mrs. Shawn (Jennifer) Partridge, and four grandchildren.

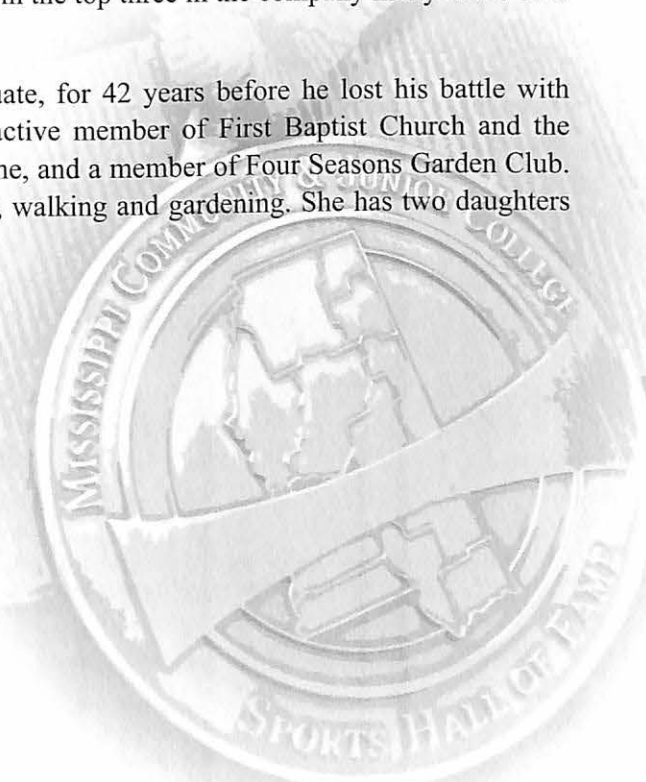
Retha Hand Henderson

EMCC Hall of Fame Coach Keys Currie at Collinsville, Mississippi introduced Retha Hand Henderson to basketball in the eighth grade. Graduating from Collinsville High School in 1952 as Salutatorian, Retha was offered a basketball scholarship by EMJC Coach Clayton Blount. The Lady Lions were the only undefeated women's team in junior colleges her freshman year, winning the Regional and State Championships, and Retha was named to the All-State team. Her sophomore team also had a complete winning season and won the Regional and State Championship; again, Retha making the All-State squad. Ms. Henderson was inducted into the EMCC Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

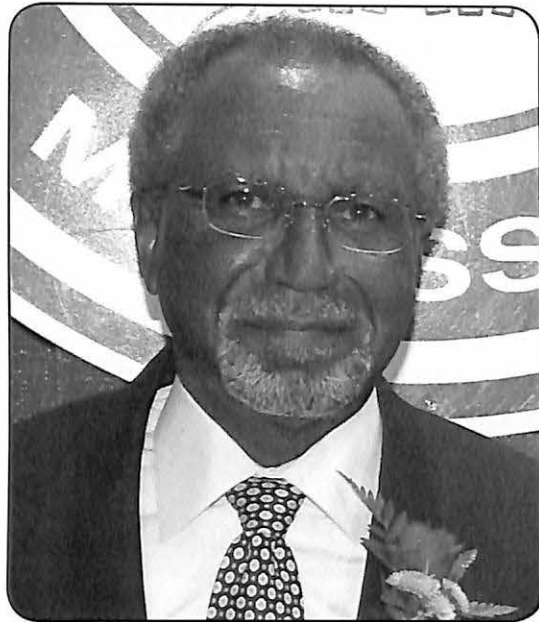
In addition to being an outstanding basketball player, Retha was a well-respected and active leader within the student body, being elected cheerleader, football maid, forestry queen, and Miss EMJC in 1953-1954. Retha continued her education at Mississippi Southern in Hattiesburg, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1956. She earned a Master's Degree from MUW in 1976, and taught home economics and physical education for twelve years in Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana.

In 1982, Retha began what became a very successful insurance business in Columbus, Mississippi. Drawing on her athletic background, she was very a competitive agent, finishing in the top three in the company many times over the years. She is now a retired agent after seventeen years.

Retha was married to Robert Henderson, also an EMJC graduate, for 42 years before he lost his battle with cancer in 1998. Retha continues to live in Columbus, is an active member of First Baptist Church and the Columbus community, is a Docent at Blewett Harrison Lee Home, and a member of Four Seasons Garden Club. She enjoys bridge, bunko and other card games as well as golf, walking and gardening. She has two daughters Robin and Renee, and six grandchildren.



Class of 2013



Cleon McKnight

A Bogue Chitto native, Cleon McKnight served as the head men's and women's tennis coach for 22 years (seven at Utica, 15 in Raymond) at Hinds Community College. He was also a professor in the chemistry department for 32 years at Hinds, and served as an assistant women's basketball coach for four years, retiring from coaching altogether in 1999.

McKnight had a remarkable run with the tennis programs at Hinds, building both units into national powerhouses and combining for a win/loss record of 430-49 (.900 winning percentage). The men's team during his tenure was 249-37 (.871), winning nine Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) state championships and eight Region XXIII titles. The Eagles had five undefeated seasons during this time and qualified for 15 consecutive National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national tournaments.

The women's teams compiled an amazing 181-12 win/loss record (.938) in his time at Hinds, winning eight state and Region XXII titles. The Lady Eagles had four undefeated seasons and qualified for 13 consecutive national tournaments.

McKnight won Coach of the Year awards 50 times throughout his career, including 17 times by the MACJC, 16 times by Region XXIII, 15 times by the Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) and twice by the Mississippi Tennis Association (MTA).

In 1999, he was inducted into the NJCAA Women's Tennis Hall of Fame in Tucson, Ariz., and into the NJCAA Men's Tennis Hall of Fame in Tyler, Texas. In doing so, he became the first community/junior college tennis coach in Mississippi to be inducted into the National Tennis Hall of Fame, as well as the first African-American to be inducted in each hall of fame. In 2002, McKnight became the first African-American to be inducted into the Mississippi Tennis Association Hall of Fame, and in 2008, he was inducted into the prestigious Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

McKnight graduated from Alcorn State University with a bachelor of science in chemistry in 1967, a master's degree in chemistry from Southern University in 1970 and a Ph. D. in chemistry from Kansas State University in 1976.

McKnight, who currently resides in Jackson and serves as an assistant teaching professional at Parham Bridges Tennis Center in Jackson, is married to Gloria and has two sons, Cleon Jr. and Christopher.

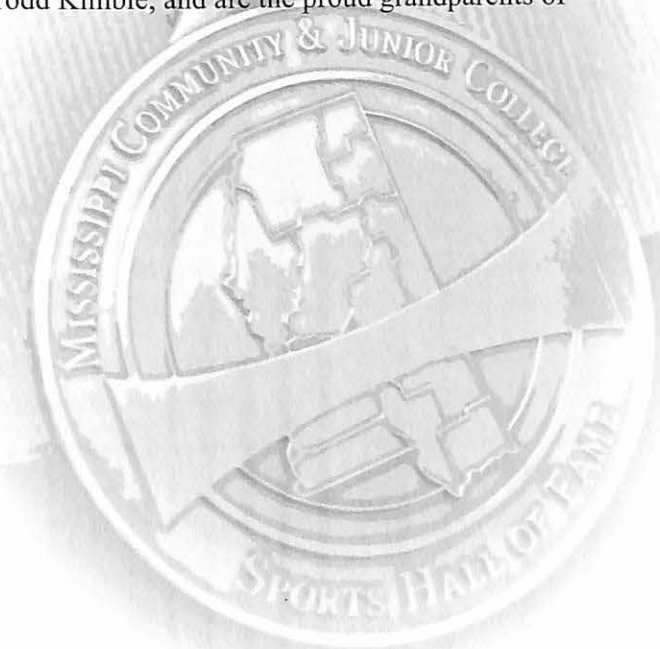
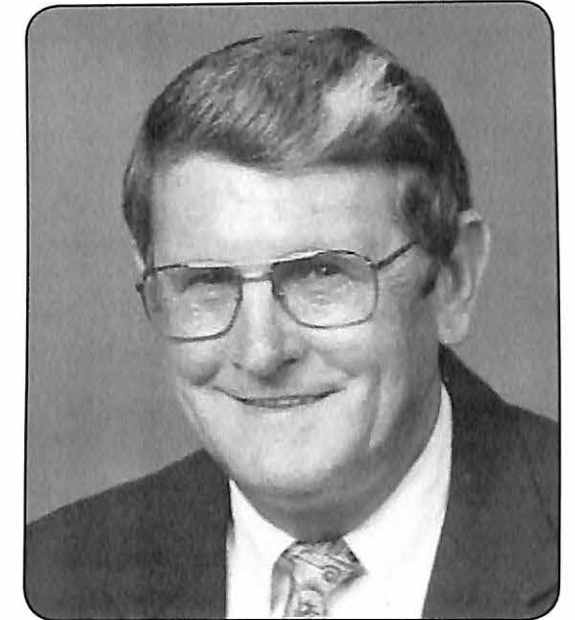
Bennie Kimble

Following several successful years as a high school coach at Loyd Star, McComb, and Ferriday, Louisiana, Bennie Kimble was honored to serve Holmes Community College as Head Basketball Coach for 27 years. His career included coaching basketball, football, baseball, track, and tennis, and winning state titles in basketball, track, and tennis. During his tenure at Holmes, his teams amassed 23 winning seasons, with many players continuing their athletic careers at the senior college level.

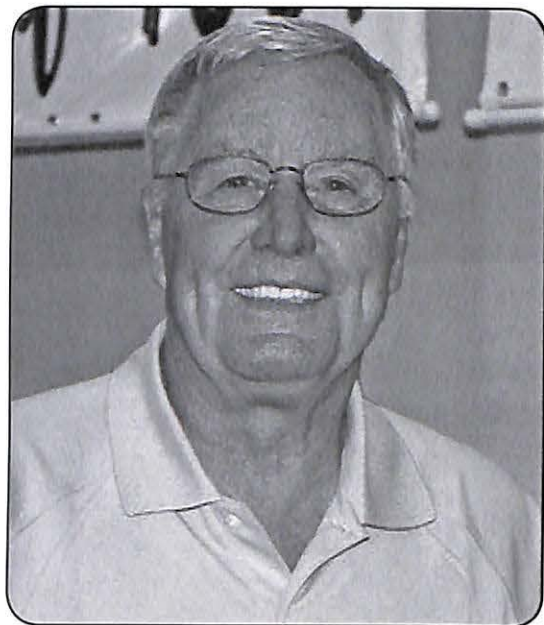
Kimble, a strong supporter of junior and community college athletics, worked diligently to help establish Region 23 and served as its first director. He was also instrumental in the organization of the MCJC All Star Basketball Game and advocated tirelessly for the establishment of the MCJC Sports Hall of Fame.

After successful stints as a player at Loyd Star High School and Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Kimble set several scoring records as a member of the Southeastern Louisiana University basketball team and was the first player at the University to receive Honorable Mention All American. He continued playing basketball while serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, and was invited to participate in the World Games. It was his honor to be inducted into the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 1996, the Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, and to be chosen as the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Coach of the Year in 1995.

Bennie and his wife, Jo, have two children, Jennifer Ward and Todd Kimble, and are the proud grandparents of Alli, Bree, Haley, Dylan, Tori, and Sidney.



Itawamba Community College



Jim Walden

Jim Walden, a native of Aberdeen, played football, basketball and baseball at Itawamba Junior College from 1956-57, earning All-American status as quarterback before transferring to the University of Wyoming to play under legendary coach Bob Devaney in the 1958 and 1959 seasons. Walden earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska. He was one of 33 players selected by the Denver Broncos in the first AFL Draft in 1960, and played in the Canadian Football League for three seasons (British Columbia, Edmonton and Calgary). He is a member of the Halls of Fame at Itawamba Community College, the University of Wyoming, Washington State University and East-West Shrine Football.

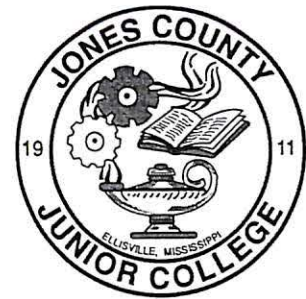
Walden began his college coaching career in 1969 at the University of Nebraska on Devaney's staff, where he assisted on back-to-back national championship teams in 1970 and 1971. Walden became an assistant coach for four seasons at the University of Miami before being named offensive backfield coach at Washington State University in 1977. He was promoted to head coach of the Cougars, a position he held from 1978 to 1986. Walden's signature season was 1981, when he was selected Pac-10 Coach of the Year after leading WSU to the Holiday Bowl, the school's first bowl appearance in 51 years. He was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year two seasons later when his 1983 squad finished third in the conference with a 5-3 mark, 7-4 overall. His 1985 team won its third Apple Cup (rivalry game vs. Washington) in four seasons, an accomplishment earned only two other times in the history of its football program.

Following the 1986 season, Walden left WSU to become head coach at Iowa State, where he remained for eight seasons and ranks sixth in all-time total wins. He took the Cyclones to the only two upper division conference finishes in more than 20 years, defeating every team in the Big Eight except Colorado, including three nationally ranked teams, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas State.

Walden served eight years on the board of directors of the American Football Coaches Association and coached in several all-star games, including the East-West All-Star game, where he had also been selected as a player. In 1999, he was awarded a lifetime achievement award from the All-American Football Foundation.

Walden currently resides in Marana, Arizona. His family includes three children with his wife, Janice, who died in 2005: Lisa (Paul) Whitehead and their children, Max, twins Jake and Georgia; Emily; and Murray (Bridgett) and their children, Meryl, Lauren, Charlie and Luke.

Jones County Junior College



Mike McClellan

Mike McClellan enjoyed a great deal of success on the football field for the Jones County Junior College Bobcats, and credits legendary Bobcat head coach Sim Cooley with having JCJC ready to play each time they took the field. McClellan remarked, "We players bought into Coach Cooley's philosophy that he never lost a game - he just ran out of time." McClellan, who was also on the track team at Jones, was inducted into the JCJC Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

A Heidelberg native and an All-Rebel Conference performer for two years at Heidelberg High School, McClellan came to JCJC in 1962. The Bobcats went 5-5-1 during his freshman year. In 1963, the Bobcats improved, posting a 7-3 mark. However, they failed to win the South Division when they lost their final game to Pearl River, 20-13.

McClellan received many postseason honors, including Most Valuable Back in the league, and All-State, All-Region and All-American as a quarterback. He was the first player under Coach Cooley to be named an All-American.

After graduating from USM, McClellan served as a teacher and coach for eight years before working in pharmaceutical sales. He then served his customers at Magnolia State Bank in the Heidelberg area for 35 years.

McClellan served on the JCJC Board of Trustees for 25 years, eight of those years as President of the Board. He also served as President of the State Organization for Trustees for the state's 15 community and junior colleges, and was instrumental in restarting the golf program at JCJC when his son, Scotty, was interested in playing golf while in school.

McClellan and his wife, Margie, have been married for 47 years and currently reside in Hattiesburg. His son Scotty and his wife Kandi live in St. Louis with their son, Logan, while daughter Suzanne and son-in-law Jim Markel live in Newnan, Georgia with their three sons, Tripp, Owen and Mac.

Meridian Community College



Robert Dreyfus

A first-team NJCAA All-American in both 1997 and 1998, Robert was inducted into the prestigious National Junior College Athletic Association's Golf Hall of Fame in 2005. He led MCC to the Region 23 championship and a runner-up finish in the NJCAA national tournament in 1998. He also won the Region 23 individual title that year, one of seven tournaments in which he took medalist honors in his junior college career.

Robert went on to play for the Ole Miss Rebel golf team in 1999 and 2001, finishing in the top 10 in two tournaments and earning NCAA Academic All-American honors in 2001. He also made the All-SEC academic team each semester he was enrolled at Ole Miss and was once named SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Week.

Robert played in the 2000 U.S. Amateur tournament at the renowned Oak Hill Country Club course in Rochester, New York. Robert has gone on to enjoy a highly successful career in business as a controller for Willis North America, in Nashville, Tennessee.



Charles S. "Chuck" Thomas

Charles "Chuck" Thomas was one of the best running backs to come out of the Delta in the early days of football. The Winona native moved to Moorhead at an early age where he attended elementary school as well as Sunflower Agricultural High School and Sunflower Junior College. He began his athletic career at SAHS playing all four years and earning All-Delta honors his junior and senior year. He also played four years of basketball and track.

Thomas really began to make a name for himself at SJC from 1934 to 1936. He earned 1st Team All-State honors his freshman year, and was named 2nd Team All-State as a sophomore. He also was named All Mississippi Valley Conference First Team in 1935 and was captain of the '35 team, which won the MVC Championship by defeating three four-year schools: Bethel College, Delta State, and Lambuth College in the championship game. While at SJC, Thomas also ran the mile relay and threw the discus and javelin. The Trojans won the State Championship in 1936 with Thomas setting a record in the javelin throw.

Thomas played under Coach Alex Dickson at SJC and Delta State. Coach Dickson, in his letter nominating Thomas to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame said, "Charlie was the best football player I was ever privileged to coach, and certainly those were four years of joy, for joy comes when you win, and I won all the time I had Charlie." Thomas was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1976, and was inducted as a charter member of the DSU Sports Hall of Fame in 1971.

After college, Thomas taught and coached at Itta Bena High School for six years, Yazoo City High School for two years, where he won the Middle Mississippi Conference Championship in 1943 going 11-0, and Winona High School for two years. In 1948, Thomas became District Executive and Assistant Scout Executive of the Delta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Greenville, a job he held until he retired.

Thomas served as a Marine in both World War II and the Korea Conflict, and was discharged with the rank of Captain. He was a member of the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and the Delta Officials Association for 25 years.



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Josh M. Wells, Jr.

Pascagoula native Josh Wells did not start playing football until his junior year at Carver High School. Despite his lack of experience, he helped lead his team to Conference Championships his junior and senior years.

In 1967, Wells broke racial barriers by becoming the first African-American to earn an athletic scholarship at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and to play at the college level in Mississippi.

As a freshman, Wells was a 192-pound offensive lineman. Wells had pure strength, despite his relatively small size, and helped lead Gulf Coast to a State title in 1967. Wells also lettered and earned All-State recognition.

A year later, Wells played defense, helping the Bulldogs to a 9-1 record and another appearance in the State title game. He was an Honorable Mention All-American and a First Team All-State honoree as a sophomore.

Following his career at Mississippi Gulf Coast, Wells played football at Southeastern Louisiana University, where he was named All-Conference his junior and senior years.



David Carnell

David Carnell's dedication to Northeast Mississippi Community College spans nearly five decades. He originally came to the college in 1972 as a member of the Northeast Mississippi Junior College football coaching staff but left his mark in a very different sport, guiding Northeast's transition from slow-pitch to fast-pitch softball at the turn of the century. The Lady Tigers were in the national tournament within three years.

Carnell resurrected the Northeast softball program in 1993 after an almost 10-year hiatus away from competition. His team posted a 17-16 record during Northeast's first year back in slow-pitch competition and started a run to the National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) Region XXIII Tournament that would stretch through the transition to fast-pitch competition and until his retirement in 2005.



During Carnell's years, Northeast was the only school in Mississippi to boast a 13-year run in the Region XXIII Tournament from 1994-2006. Carnell replaced W. B. "Bill" Ward in 1996 as athletic director for Northeast Mississippi Community College and held the position while coaching softball until his retirement in 2005-06.

During his time on the slow-pitch diamond, Carnell led the Northeast Lady Tiger softball team to four straight North Division runner-up finishes -- 1994-1998 -- and won the North Division championship in 1999. Carnell led the Lady Tigers to seven straight Region XXIII tournaments before the college switched to fast-pitch competition in 2001.

Carnell continued to fine-tune the Northeast fast-pitch softball team with five straight North Division championships from 2001-2005, and saw his team finish as the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' state runners-up three straight years from 2003-2005. Northeast's crowning moment came in 2003 when the Lady Tigers qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association's National Softball Championship after winning the Region XXIII championship.

Northeast came close to a return trip to the national tournament in Carnell's final years at the helm finishing as the Region XXIII runner-up in 2004 and 2005. Carnell not only pushed his athletes on the diamond but demanded excellence in the classroom as well and was awarded as the NJCAA's Academic Team of the year in 2000 -- Northeast's first year of fast-pitch competition -- and was among the top academic teams in the country in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Carnell was named the Region XXIII Coach of the Year in 2003, the MACJC Coach of the Year in 2005, and received the NJCAA's Loyalty Award in 2005. After retiring, Carnell returned as a part-time assistant coach to the softball program from 2006-08. In total, Carnell recorded 301 wins against 223 losses during his time as head football and slow- and fast-pitch coach.



Northwest Mississippi Community College



Lawrence "Bud" Young

Lawrence "Bud" Young started his bull-riding career in 1957 at the age of 12 and joined the International Professional Rodeo Association in 1964 where he is still an active member. He also competed in the PRCA, CRA, URA, and the Deep South Rodeo Association.

Young came to Northwest in 1973 as an instructor in livestock management technology, starting the College's first rodeo team that same year. Under his leadership, the Northwest team traditionally earned awards in local, regional and national competition. His team members won championships in bareback riding, bull riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, and in the All-Around category.

The longest tenured coach in Northwest's athletic history before retiring in 2009, Young coached college rodeo for 36 years, was the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) facility director for 18 years and served as NIRA National Facility President for two terms. Young was inducted into the Northwest Sports Hall of Fame in 2005, and, in that same year, was honored with the announcement of the Lawrence "Bud" Young Endowed Scholarship, which benefits a student in the college rodeo program.

Since retirement, Young has stayed involved as the arena manager of the Northwest Multipurpose Arena and is an adjunct faculty member teaching plant science. He also works with high school students in the area by conducting workshops and seminars for private groups as well as for members of the Little Britches Rodeo Association.

Pearl River Community College



Steve Regan

Steve Regan was a standout football player at Pearl River Community College from 1960-62. During his freshman year under legendary Coach Dobie Holden in 1961, the Wildcats posted a 10-0 record, earning both the state crown and the national championship. As a freshman, Regan played defensive end and was named honorable mention All-State on one of the best teams ever assembled in the junior college ranks. Regan scored three touchdowns that year as a defensive player, recovering three fumbles in the end zone. The Wildcats scored 446 points in 1961 and allowed only 47 points in 10 games.

In 1962, Steve was a two-way starter at tight end-defensive end, and was the team punter, averaging 41 yards per kick. He caught 33 passes for four touchdowns, and was named first-team All-State, Most Outstanding Lineman in Mississippi, second team All-American on two grid wires as a defensive end, and was selected Pearl River College's Best Athlete in 1962.

Regan signed with Northeast Louisiana in Monroe, Louisiana, and in 1963, played offensive and defensive end and was the team's punter. During his junior year, he scored three touchdowns and averaged 21 yards per catch. His 1964 season at Northeast was shortened by an injury requiring surgery. After playing several years of semi-professional ball, he returned to Northeast to finish his degree.

Regan is retired after 35 years at the paper mill in Monroe, and lives in Dubach, Louisiana. He and his wife, Martha Jane Regan, have three children: daughters Rhonda, of Highland Village, Tex., Hannah, of Harrisonburg, La., a son, Ryle, of West Monroe, Louisiana, a stepson, Gatlin Hedgepeth of Dubach, Louisiana, and three grandchildren.



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Dr. Gene Barrett

Southwest Mississippi Community College alumnus, Dr. Gene Barrett, was born and raised in McComb, Mississippi. After receiving an Associate of Arts degree from Southwest, where he played basketball and tennis on the school team, was president of the student body and vice-president of Phi Theta Kappa, he attended Millsaps College. Dr. Barrett then went to medical school at the University of Mississippi and received the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1974. He is married to Linda Holliday of Vicksburg, and has two sons, Austin (wife Allison) and David.

Dr. Barrett's professional orthopedic training began with a one-year general surgery internship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center followed by an Orthopedic Residency at the Greenville Hospital System in South Carolina. He completed his first fellowship (specialty training) in sports medicine and knee

surgery at the Hughston Orthopedic Clinic in Columbus, Georgia, and his second fellowship in Basel, Switzerland as an A-0 International fellow. While in Georgia, he helped with the Auburn athletic teams; and in Switzerland with the soccer and ski teams. Dr. Barrett is Board Certified in Orthopedic surgery with special interest in Anterior Cruciate Ligament surgery and advanced knee procedures. He now practices in Jackson, Mississippi at Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center, where he was one of the three founding members.

Throughout his career, Dr. Barrett has received numerous awards and honors, some of which include: Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Medical Honor Society) and Sigma Nu (Natural Science Honor Society) at Millsaps, 1979, Millsaps Distinguished Athletic Supporter Award, 1991, and Southwest Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame, 1992. He received the South Eastern Athletic Trainers Association's (SEATA) "Hughston" award as "Sports Medicine Person of the Year" in 2009, and was asked to join the "Anterior Cruciate Ligament" (ACL) International Study Group and the "American Orthopedic Association (AOA).

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Barrett has done extensive research on knee injuries and surgeries and has published over 50 articles. He has also been a "hands on" team doctor for high school and college teams, coached youth basketball, and sponsored summer sports leagues, giving young athletes their chance to compete and improve.

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*"A good coach will make his players see what they can be
rather than what they are."*

Jesse Owens

*"The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is
likely to be the one who dropped it."*

Lou Holtz

*"As long as you leave everything out on the basketball
court, you can go into the locker room and feel good."*

Allen Iverson

*"You can learn more character on the two-yard line than
anywhere else in life."*

Paul Dietzel

*"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies
in a man's determination."*

Muhammad Ali

*"I make my practices real hard because if a player is a
quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game."*

Bear Bryant

"Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is."

Tommy Lasorda

*"Gentlemen, it is better to have died a small boy than to
fumble this football"*

John Heisman





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